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A FOR THOMAS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (PRESIDENT FORD)

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO JAPAN

REF: A) TOKYO 11845 B) STATE 202536

1. AMBASSADOR MET WITH FONOFF PROTOCOL CHIEF UCHIDA SEPT 18 TO GAIN UP-TO-MINUTE GOJ VIEWS ON PRESIDENTIAL VISIT PRIOR TO DEPARTURE TO US. AMBASSADOR STRESSED THAT PLANNING ON US PART STILL IN FORMATIVE STAGE AND THAT OPERATIONAL DECISIONS ON DETAILS OF PROGRAM UNLIKELY TO JELL UNTIL ADVANCE TEAMS ARRIVE.

2. UCHIDA INDICATED UNDERSTANDING AND PRESENTED FOLLOWING PROGRAM AS TENTATIVE NEXT STAGE IN PLANNING COMBINING RECENT VIEWS OF GOJ AND THOSE EXPRESSED IN SCHEDULE PROPOSED BY US (REFTEL B):

NOVEMBER 18, 1974 (MONDAY)

16:00 ARRIVE AT TOKYO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
ARRIVAL CEREMONY - 20 MINUTES
PRIVATE DINNER
(OVERNIGHT AT AKASAKA PALACE)

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NOVEMBER 19, 1974 (TUESDAY)

10:00 STATE CALL AT IMPERIAL PALACE; LENGTH - 30 MINUTES;
DRESS - MORNING COAT

10:30 DEPART IMPERIAL PALACE

11:00 COURTESY CALL BY PRIME MINISTER TANAKA AT
AKASAKA PALACE; LENGTH - 15 MINUTES; DRESS - BUSINESS
SUIT

11:30 COURTESY CALL BY HEADS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS AT
AKASAKA PALACE; LENGTH - 30 MINUTES; DRESS -
BUSINESS SUIT (THIS EVENT USUALLY OCCURS AFTER
THE IMPERIAL BANQUET. IN VIEW OF IMPORTANCE OF
PRESIDENT, AND CONSEQUENT SIZE OF
EVENT, THE JAPANESE HAVE SUGGESTED THAT
CALL BE HELD SEPARATELY. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION
BY AMBASSADOR, JAPANESE SAID THAT CALL HAD
BEEN SCHEDULED AT "INSISTENCE" OF IMPERIAL HOUSEHOLD.
WIVES ARE INCLUDED AND JAPANESE WOULD LIKE MRS. FORD
TO TAKE PART. FORMATE FOR EVENT WILL BE SIMPLE
RECEIVING LINE.)

12:30 LUNCHEON BY PRIME MINISTER AND MRS. TANAKA
AT PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICIAL RESIDENCE;
LENGTH - 2 HOURS; SHORT REMARKS EXPECTED BY
BOTH SIDES IN CONNECTION WITH TOASTS.

15:00 TALKS WITH PRIME MINISTER TANAKA AT AKASAKA
PALACE; LENGTH - 2 HOURS

17:15 COURTESY CALL BY GOVERNOR OF TOKYO MINOBE AT
AKASAKA PALACE; LENGTH - 15 MINUTES (A
TRADITIONAL EVENT FOR CHIEFS OF STATE. GOVERNOR
WILL PRESENT KEYS OF CITY OF TOKYO.)

17:45 TIME AVAILABLE FOR US SIDE; LENGTH - 1 HOURS
(COULD INCLUDE MEETING WITH AMERICAN COMMUNITY
IN JAPAN)

20:00 IMPERIAL BANQUET; LENGTH - 2 HOURS; DRESS - WHITE
TIE; TOASTS; ABOUT 150 GUESTS EXPECTED
OVERNIGHT AT AKASAKA PALACE

NOVEMBER 20, 1974 (WEDNESDAY)

09:30 TALKS WITH PRIME MINISTER TANAKA AT AKASAKA
PALACE; LENGTH - 2 HOURS (JOINT COMMUNIQUE
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WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO PRESS AFTER MEETING AT
ABOUT NOON)

12:30 LUNCHEON BY JAPAN PRESS CLUB AT IMPERIAL
HOTEL; LENGTH - 2 HOURS; FOREIGN PRESS WILL
BE INVITED. SUBSTANTIVE SPEECH EXPECTED
FOLLOWED BY QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS SUBMITTED
IN WRITING - NATIONALLY TELEVISED

15:00 CULTURAL OR SPORTS EVENT; LENGTH - 1 HOUR

17:00 RECEPTION BY NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS;
LENGTH - 1 HOUR (HOSTS COULD BE JAPAN-AMERICAN
SOCIETY, AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,
FEDERATION OF ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS,
JAPAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, ETC.)
SUGGESTED FORMAT: BRIEF REMARKS TO
GATHERED ASSEMBLAGE.

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19:30 BANQUET HOSTED BY PRESIDENT AND MRS. FORD;
LENGTH - 2 HOURS (SUGGESTED DRESS WHITE
TIE. ROYAL FAMILY DOES NOT,
WE GATHER, WEAR BALCK TIE. GOJ HAS OFFERED
AKASAKA PALACE AS LOCATION FOR RETURN BANQUET.
SUGGEST WE CONSIDER THIS CAREFULLY SINCE EMBASSY
RESIDENCE CAN ONLY ACCOMMODATE 60 PERSONS AT
SEATED DINNER. AKASAKA PALACE HAS EXCELLENT
FACILITIES FOR 112 AND UP.)
(OVERNIGHT AT AKASAKA PALACE)

NOVEMBER 21, 1974 (THURSDAY)

MORNING: LEAVE TOKYO FOR KYOTO (MEANS OF TRAVEL
STILL UNDECIDED. SECURITY AUTHORITIES PREFER
AIR, BUT TRAINRIDE WILL PROVIDE PRESIDENT
WITH FEEL FOR JAPAN AND FAR MORE
CONVENIENT ROUTE TO KYOTO. AIR TRAVEL WOULD

INVOLVE CHANGING TO MOTORCADE IN OSAKA.)

MIDDAY: PRIVATE LUNCHEON AT MIYAKO HOTEL

AFTERNOON: SIGHTSEEING IN KYOTO; LENGTH - 2 1/2 HOURS;
KATSURA RIKYU (DETACHED VILLA), NIJO CASTLE,
GOSHO (OLD IMPERIAL PALACE), KINKAKUJI (GOLD
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PAVILION), ETC.

EVENING: INFORMAL JAPANESE-STYLE DINNER BY HEAD OF
SUITE OF HONOUR (HEAD OF SUITE WILL BE FORMER
AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES USHIBA)
(OVERNIGHT AT MIYAKO HOTEL)

NOVEMBER 22, 1974 (FRIDAY)

09:00 LEAVE KYOTO FOR OSAKA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
10:00 LEAVE OSAKA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BY
PRESIDENTIAL PLANE
11:00 ARRIVE TOKYO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
DEPARTURE CEREMONIES
11:30 LEAVE JAPAN

3. DURING CLOSING DISCUSSION, JAPANESE SIDE EXPRESSED
STRONG PREFERENCE FOR PRESIDENTIAL MOTORCADE FROM AIRPORT
TO GUEST HOUSE AS IMPORTANT SPECTACLE FOR JAPANESE
PEOPLE. TRAFFIC WOULD BE STOPPED BOTH COMING AND GOING
AND ENTIRE TRIP FROM AIRPORT WOULD TAKE 25 MINUTES.
THE AMBASSADOR SAID THAT WHILE NO GUIDANCE RECEIVED,
IT CONCEIVABLE THAT PRESIDENTIAL PARTY MIGHT ASK TO USE
HELICOPTER. JAPANESE REPRESENTATIVES WORRIED ABOUT
UNPREDICTABILITY OF WEATHER AND FACT THAT ONLY ONE
HELIPAD AVAILABLE AT AKASAKA PALACE.

4. JAPANESE STATED THAT AUTOMOBILE TO BE PLACED AT
DISPOSAL OF PRESIDENT IS ONE OWNED BY IMPERIAL HOUSEHOLD.
WHEN AMBASSADOR SUGGESTED THAT PRESIDENT MIGHT BRING OWN
AUTOMOBILE, GOJ REPRESENTATIVES RAISED NO OBJECTION.

5. AMBASSADOR WILL ADD AMPLIFYING DETAILS UPON HIS
RETURN ON SEPT. 19.
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